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SUBJECT: ETHNIC UNITS IN NAMIBIA: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOY

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1. IN CONVERSATION ON NAMIBIA WITH AMBASSADOR MCHENRY, UK
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON RAISING ETHNIC TROOPS
WITH SOUTH AFRICA EVEN IF DONE ALONG
LINES PRETORIA 4326. CLEARLY PLACING HIS PRIORITY
ON RHODESIA, OWEN SUGGESTED THAT SOUTH AFRICANS
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PROBABLY "UP TO THEIR NECK" WITH APPROACHES ON VARIETY
OF SUBJECTS. HE HAS NOT EXPRESSED FINAL VIEW BUT SITUATION
UNLIKELY TO CHANGE.

2. ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF NAMIBIAN SITUATION, OWEN STATED
THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH SYG WALDHEIM, IN COURSE OF LATTERS
RECENT VISIT TO LONDON, SYG HAD SUGGESTED EARLY DISPATCH

OF ENVOY TO NAMIBIA AS WAY OF GETTING UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AS ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. APPOINTMENT WOULD ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR UN ROLE. SYG THOUGHT UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MIGHT SERVE AS ENVOY, GIVEN THE "PROBABILITY" OF HIS LATER DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. (OWEN CONTINUES TO BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICA WILL ACCEPT AHTISAARI IF HE IS INCLUDED ON A LIST OF CANDIDATES)

3. MR HENRY RESPONDED THAT IDEA OF ENVOY SHOWED UNUSUAL INITIATIVE BY THE SYG AND THAT THERE IS SOME MERIT TO ENVOY IDEA. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE DANGER THAT ENVOY MIGHT BECOME UNWELCOME FACTOR IN GROUP OF FIVE'S EFFORT TO NARROW THE REMAINING GAPS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO, PARTICULARLY ON SUCH MATTERS AS RATE OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL. PRESENCE OF ENVOY WOULD PROVIDE ONE MORE REASON FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO PURSUE ITS STRATEGY OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS EVEN BEFORE AGREEMENT REACHED. MCHENRY SUGGESTED THAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT BE REDUCED IF AHTISAARI VISITED NAMIBIA TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL BUT LEFT BEHIND LOWER-LEVEL UN OFFICIALS TO MAINTAIN LIAISON.

4. OWEN SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WISH TO RAISE ENVOY IDEA WITH SOUTH AFRICA DURING VISIT AND THAT IN ANY EVENT
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SYG LIKELY TO RAISE QUESTION WITH CONTACT GROUP WHEN THEY SEE HIM NEXT WEEK.

5. FOR DEPT AND PRETORIA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER OWEN SHOULD EXPLORE ENVOY IDEA WITH SOUTH AFRICANS.
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